

July - August, 2011

# highland crest baptist church

# T.R.U.T.H

## Our Ministers

<b>Jim Downs</b>	Senior Pastor
<b>Chad Hertler</b>	Associate Pastor of Discipleship & Evangelism
<b>Jed Manders</b>	Minister of Youth & Family

# Vacation Bible School

VBS is Changing!!!

In our efforts to "...make Him known..." this summer we will be going to where the families are!

Vacation Bible School will be offsite this year. We have chosen various locations at apartment complexes and play areas throughout Green Bay to share the Gospel.

**Monday - Thursday**  
**August 1-4**  
**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

All HCBC kids are encouraged to attend one of these off-site VBS clubs, and we are looking for adults to help! We'll need teachers, recreation leaders, snack coordinators and general helpers.

More details on exact locations will be available soon. Contact Pastor Chad if you would like to help.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Green Bay, WI 54304



**Jim Downs**  
Senior Pastor

Did you know ...

Jim and Vonna are celebrating their 21st Anniversary as Pastor and First Lady of Highland Crest Baptist Church (July 8<sup>th</sup>).

You may want to drop them a note or pass on a word of appreciation for their diligent years of service to the HCBC congregation and to our Lord.

How long does it take to build a church building? When our present sanctuary was built, they dug the basement and poured the concrete in the spring of 1992. With a lot of hard work by a lot of different people, we were able to use the new worship space by Christmas of that same year. Although it took that 9 months to physically build the new church building, I remember that it took much longer than that just to get the preparation done before the first shovel was put in the ground! In fact, several years earlier the church had begun a campaign to raise money for the building. Architects were hired and city planners were consulted. Step by step the congregation inched its way through the thousands of decisions that had to be made and the long lists of tasks that needed to be completed – just to start building!

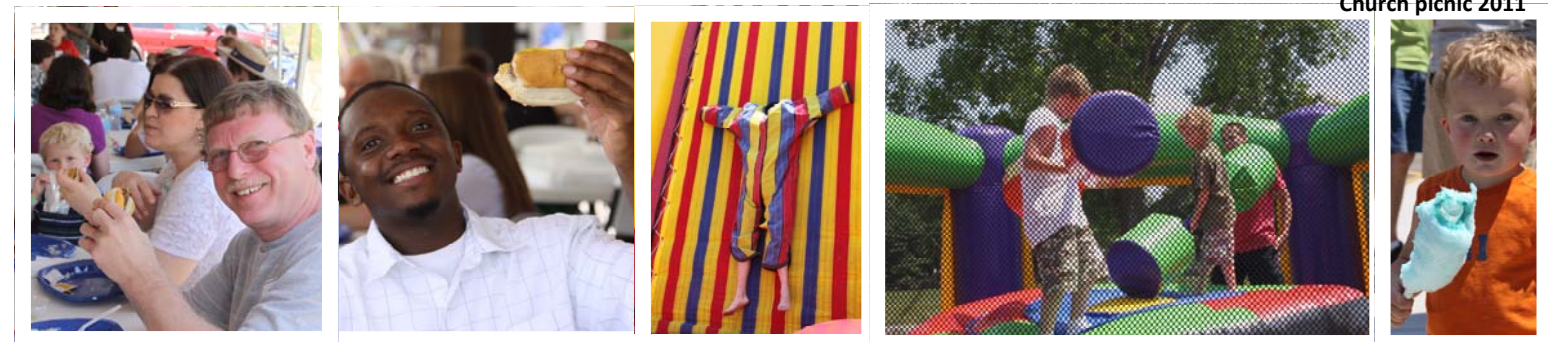
Now here is a similar question: how long does it take to build a church body? I'm asking the question because I want you to think with me about the South Campus ministry. That ministry has been in preparation for years. In 2007, our church bought 30 acres for a future building site. Part of the preparation has been the discipline of praying and waiting on God (which is a normal part of any disciple's walk). In the spring of this year we did a 12 week Bible Study to

prepare our minds and hearts to understand God's will and His ways for a New Testament church. FINALLY, this last Tuesday evening, we held our first South Campus Bible study, just across the street from the new property. The VanGheems opened their home and we had about 35 people who studied, fellowshiped ... and a few changed diapers! It's all a part of building a church body, but the question still remains....how long does it take? Well, how long did it take you to forsake the world and come to Christ? How many months or years elapsed between the time someone introduced you to the Gospel and you finally got saved? Building lives around the cross of Christ takes patience, as well as confidence in the truth of your message. But just as surely as we saw our new sanctuary take shape in 1992, we will see the body of Christ around our South Campus take shape in the months and years to come. If God is calling you to be a part of it now, don't wait! If you need more information, please call any of the church staff.

I hope you are having a great summer!

*Bro. Jim*

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## CALENDAR

### JULY

3		No Evening Service
4		Church Office Closed
5	2:00p	XYZ Fellowship Ice Cream Social at Char & Bob's
6	6:30p	Youth Event - Laser Tag
8		Bro. Jim & Vonna's HCBC Anniversary
10	6:00p	Lord's Supper
11		Pastor Chad's Birthday
13	5:30p	Finance Committee
	6:00p	Business Meeting
15		Youth Event at Manders' hse
17	7:00p	Youth Game Night following eve service
20	5:30p	Ministry Council Mtg
25	8:30a	Ladies Day Out - DAY AT THE BEACH
30	7:00a	Honor Role
	8:30a	Deacon Meeting

### AUGUST

1	6:30p	Vacation Bible School offsite
2	11:30a	XYZ Fellowship
17	5:30p	Administrative Council Mtg
18	6:00p	Ladies Day Out - SCRAPBOOKING AND CRAFTS
21	7:30p	Youth Night at Hertler Home
27	7:00a	Honor Role
	8:30a	Deacon Meeting

### SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Bible Conference is September 9-11, 2011

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School (all ages)
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Evening Service
Tue	6:30 pm	South Campus Bible Study
Wed	6:30 pm	Discipleship Training
		Children: King's Kids, Youth Group
	7:40 pm	Choir Practice

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Regular Hours: Monday thru Friday  
9:00 a.m. to Noon & 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

## ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

Join the Highland Crest Facebook group to get important up-to-date announcements...

## NEW DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

START JULY 20TH

Check our website for details

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

We take time off in the summer from our Wednesday night meal schedule. Join us for our next meal in the fall on October 5th

### Simplicity

Over the past several months the Lord has been teaching me that simplicity is a blessing. I have also learned that it can be elusive. If I am not careful I can allow my schedule to become so busy that it becomes virtually impossible to have uninterrupted time with God. I know I am not alone on this, but what can we do about it? Here is what I have come to believe.

First, simplicity must be intentionally sought. In order to have uninterrupted time with the Lord I have been *forced, yes, forced* to take a hard look at my calendar and make some adjustments. We know that we cannot keep doing the same things and expect different results, so certain activities and events have to go. Some of you may find yourselves in similar situations... don't panic! Just surrender your schedule to the Lord and allow Him to make the adjustments.

Next, stand behind the adjustments. Believe it or not I am a creature of habit, but it's wise to *stick* to the necessary changes in order to keep your first love FIRST. A practical application of this was at Youth Summer Camp this year. One of the new things we did was allow an entire hour of quiet, uninterrupted time with the Lord every day! It was beautiful! With no talking, no texting, no to-do lists ... Just time for prayer, reading the Word and journaling. Do you know what I found? This was the favorite part of camp for many of the campers, including me! It is a precious thing when the children of God make time to really seek their heavenly Father with the intent to really give Him their "hearts," with no interruptions.

My prayer for you, if you have been a slave to your schedule, is that you will make some changes to allow for the uninterrupted time with God and stick to it.




**Jed Manders**  
Minister of  
Youth  
& Family



**Chad Hertler**  
Associate Pastor  
of Discipleship  
and Evangelism

### Calendar

- July 6<sup>th</sup>  
Youth Event – Laser Tag
- July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Youth Night at the Manders Home
- August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Youth Night at the Hertler Home

Special thanks to all those who helped with the church picnic setup.



### Decisions

Last July ESPN produced a TV show entitled, *The Decision*. This 60-minute program was created to showcase the great Lebron James. What team would he play for? His decision sent one city (Cleveland) in a rage, where they literally burned his jersey and another city (Miami) in

elation, triggering an impromptu parade. All because of one decision!

How important are your decisions? Decisions are the essence of life. It is one thing to attend church and Bible studies, but another to decide on following Christ. Our decisions reveal what we value.

- Value a clear conscience and you will decide to keep small sin accounts with God and others
- Value purity and you will decide to date and dress in a certain way
- Value holiness and you will decide to choose some forms of media and refrain from others

It isn't hard to make poor choices. We make those by default. It is easy to allow fear, laziness, selfishness, resentment, and pride to guide our decisions. The Bible offers another way.

I believe the most important factor in making God-honoring decisions is to have a daily, intimate walk with God. As you spend time with Him, you gain a sense of what He values. Out of the overflow of this relationship, there are other factors that will help to make God-honoring decisions:

- Humility*. Decisions provide an opportunity for us to express our need to God and for us to cultivate a teachable heart. Often, the most important part of the decision is the process of asking God for help. Mature believers are an invaluable resource, we need to be willing to humble ourselves and come to them to ask for godly counsel.
- Motives*. It is vital to examine our hearts in making decisions. How will this decision affect others? Would this decision honor God? Would I be violating my conscience? Would this decision reveal that I value something or someone more than God?
- Word of God*. Many decisions the Bible directly addresses (particularly moral decisions), but not all. Taking a passage of Scripture, committing it to memory, meditating on it throughout the day, asking God to help you see the decision as He sees it is essential in making wise decisions. I have found God honors those who are seeking Him through His Word.
- Patience*. Often His answer is "Continue to pray, continue to seek, continue to draw close to me." God values relationships. He is not interested in being used only during moments of crisis. Waiting gives us the chance to demonstrate our trust in Him.

We may never have a decision that is made for TV, but our decisions are important to God. May we, by His grace, make wise decisions.



Psst...! Pastor Chad's birthday is July 11th



### PENDING MEMBERS

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**Membership by baptism**

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**Membership by baptism**

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**Membership by statement**

### OTHER DECISIONS

**Steve Pumphrey**  
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Green Bay, WI 54313  
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**Accepted Christ**

### NEW BABY

**Blake Owen Schmidt**  
6#, 8oz, 19.5 in  
Parents: Jim & Kathy  
Siblings: Justin, Kara, Lauren,  
Luke, Ruby

**CONGRATULATIONS!**